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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

### HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 10th.  
A Havas message says:—  
Before leaving for the United States, Mr. Frank Folk, the American delegate, expressed optimism, saying that no doubt Germany was going to "cede to the Allies" just demands.

Romania was ready to affix her signature to the Treaty of St. Germain. The Treaty with Hungary was ready. Thus, the laborious struggle of world peace was about to be achieved.

Mr. Folk concluded by reiterating his admiration for France.

Paris circles state that Germany is manifestly preparing to sign the protocol thus permitting the Peace Treaty to take effect.

M. Marcel Frouze, author of "A Ombre-Jeunes Filles en Fleur," has been awarded the annual French literature prize known as Prix Goncourt.

Luk Tseng-tsing, the head of the Chinese Delegation at the Peace Conference, left Marseilles on December 8th en route for China.

Two hundred Chinese students have arrived at Marseilles, being the first of 6,000 young Chinese men and women who are coming to study Western civilisation and science.

Life is organizing its first international exhibition for the restoration of Northern France, opening in May next and lasting until October—on a vast scale. Support is being promised from all over the world.

M. Clemenceau left Paris last night and arrived in London this morning. Signor Scialoja, the Italian Foreign Minister, is in London. It is understood that he and M. Clemenceau will meet with the British Cabinet the future Allied policy.

The French Press has devoted many columns of comment to the visit of M. Clemenceau being very reserved on Russian questions, but lay special stress on the economic side of the mission.

Of vital importance to France is the speedy settlement of the coal and financial questions.

### AN ECHO OF VERDUN.

PARIS, December 13th.  
The passenger who was killed in an aeroplane crash at Caterham was an American named Mr. Rand, President of a Marine Trust Company in Buffalo. One of his last acts was to offer 500 francs for a monument to commemorate the burial of the battalion of Frenchmen who were overwhelmed in a trench at Verdun. M. Clemenceau had accepted the offer.

### THE "CASTOR" A TOTAL LOSS.

LONDON, December 12th.  
The owners fear that the steamer "Castor" which has not been heard of since it left Singapore on November 1st, for Haiphong has been lost in a typhoon.

### COLLECTING FOR THE ZOO.

LONDON, December 12th.  
Mr. Wilfred Frost is proceeding immediately on a tour of the Malay Archipelago with a view to restocking the London Zoo.

He proceeds to Singapore, thence to Java, Macassar, and Amboina, spending a month in the Arco Islands. The trip includes visits to the north coast of New Guinea, Serong, Ternate, Waigeo and Schonert Islands.

Thus, he proposes to visit localities seldom reached by collectors and hopes to secure specimens of the Babu Russa (wild pig of the Celebes) species of kangaroo, opossum and tree kangaroo, and the orang and gibbons at Singapore.

He hopes to obtain representative specimens of most of the local birds throughout the trip.

### NEW EAST ASIATIC VESSEL.

LONDON, December 12th.  
The world's greatest motor-ship, the "Africa" (1,400 tons) belonging to the East Asiatic Company, has been launched at Copenhagen. She has two Diesel motors together indicating 4,500 horse power.

### SIBERIAN BUTTER SUPPLIES.

LONDON, December 12th.  
The Food Controller, referring to the statement that in May last the Ministry refused to purchase 10,000 tons of Siberian butter which had been offered cheaply, says that it was true a small quantity of such butter might have been acquired, but it was not fit for consumption and would be dear as a gift. He had recently been able to buy 300 tons in better condition at a price corresponding to the price of Canadian and Danish butter.

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output.

The cost of the work is estimated at £1,000,000 and it will take five years to complete.

An immense impetus to trade will be afforded by this new development. Two million tons of granite, will be required. To enable ships to continue to pass the Straits after the causeway has been built, a lock will be built on the Johore side.

The length between hills will be 170ft.

width 32ft., and depth of water on

full 10ft. at low tide.

Electric power will be used in operating the various sluices, and for working the lock gates. A rolling lift bridge, also operated by electricity, will carry the road and railway over the lock.

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Plain Sweet Vanilla Chocolates  
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Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

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DAY, the 15th December, 1919, until

SATURDAY, the 20th December, 1919,

both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 5, 1919.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
COMPANY will be CLOSED from  
SATURDAY the 20th December,  
1919, until MONDAY the 29th Decem-  
ber, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GHEE, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1919.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING of the above Com-  
pany will be held at the Offices of  
MESSRS. GHEE, LIVINGSTON AND  
COMPANY, St. George's Buildings,  
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on  
MONDAY, the 23rd day of December,  
1919, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon  
for the purpose of considering and, if  
thought fit, passing the following  
Resolution as an Ordinary Resolu-  
tion:

1. "That the conditional agreement  
entered into by the Directors of  
the Company in the name and on  
behalf of the Company with  
"Harrison's and Crosfield Limited  
dated the 10th day of December  
1919, for the sale of the "under-  
taking property and assets of the  
Company as existing on the 31st  
day of December, 1918, subject  
to its liabilities, for the sum of  
\$220,000 (Eight hundred and  
twenty, eight thousand dollars)  
each which has been submitted  
to this meeting be and the same  
is hereby ratified and approved  
and that the Directors be and  
they are hereby authorized and  
directed to carry the same  
into effect with full power to  
assent to any modifications in  
the Agreement which they may  
think expedient and in the  
interests of the Company."

Copies of the above mentioned Agree-  
ment can be seen at the Registered  
Office of the Company, St. George's  
Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria aforesaid  
or at the Offices of Johnson, Stokes  
& Master, the Solicitors to the Com-  
pany, at Prince's Building, Ice House  
Street, Victoria aforesaid, at any time  
before the said meeting (except SAT-  
URDAYS and SUNDAYS) between  
the hours of 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

And subject to the passing of the  
above Resolution to consider and if  
thought fit, to pass as an Extraordinary  
Resolution the following:

2. "That the Company be wound up  
voluntarily and that Ernest  
"Alfred Mountford Williams of  
the firm of Lowe-Bingham and  
Matthews of Chartered Bank  
Building, Queen's Road Central,  
Victoria aforesaid be appointed  
Liquidator for the purposes of  
such winding up, at such remu-  
neration as may be arranged  
between the said Harrison and  
"Crosfield Limited and the  
Liquidator.

Should the Second Resolution be  
passed by the requisite majority, it  
will be submitted for confirmation as a  
Special Resolution to a Second Extra-  
ordinary General Meeting to be held at  
the above address at twelve o'clock  
noon on TUESDAY the 13th day of  
January, 1920.

Dated this 10th day of December,  
1919.

By Order of the Board,  
(St. GHEE, LIVINGSTON & CO.)  
Agents.

St. George's Building, Hongkong.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Stockings,

XMAS BASKETS,

ZAG-ZAW PUZZLES,

STAMP, BAGS AND PACKETS,

DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS!!

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3	Bott.	St.	Estoph.	Claret.
2	"	"	Dours	Port.
2	"	"	Light	Dry Sherry.
2	"	"	Gic.	"
1	"	"	Brandy.	Superior Pale.
1	"	"	" E "	Whisky.
1	"	"	Spey.	Royal Whisky.

CASE No. 2-828.

1	Bot.	St. Marceaux	Champagne.
1	"	St. Esteph.	Claret.
1	"	Light	Dry Sherry.
1	"	Old Tawny	Port.
1	"	Madeira.	"
1	"	Brandy Superior	Pale.
1	"	" E "	Whisky.
1	"	Dowars	White Label Whisky.
1	"	Spey Royal	Whisky.
1	"	Gia.	"
1	"	Orange	Brandy, M. B. R.

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## BIRTHS.

FAIRMAN.—On December 8, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fairman, a daughter.MILLER.—On December 10, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Miller, a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

WIGNALL-HARDY.—On October  
6, at St. John's, Newport, I.W.,  
Albert Taylor Wignall, of Man-  
chester, to Queen Hardy, of  
Newport.

## DEATHS.

BALEAN.—At Brighton, on Decem-  
ber 12, Sarah, aged 80, beloved  
mother of H. and A. Balean.  
(By cable).ALLEN.—On December 7, at Shang-  
hai, Ada, the beloved wife of W. N. C. Allen, in her 54th year.NEILSON.—On December 8, at  
Shanghai, Charles Christian  
Neilson, late Chief Officer, s.s.  
"Woosung," aged 27 years.GIBSON.—At Glasgow, on Novem-  
ber 25, Rev. J. Campbell Gibson,  
D.D., English Presbyterian  
Mission, Swatow.BLOWEY.—On December 1, at  
Newchwang, Matilda, the  
dearly beloved wife of T. H. Blowey,  
Chinese Customs Service, aged  
56.KING.—On December 9, at Shang-  
hai, Alexandra, beloved daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. King, aged 17 years.IBUKIYAMA.—On December 10, at  
Shanghai, Tokui Ibuikiyama, the  
Manager of the Shanghai Branch  
Office of the Nippon Yusen Kai-  
sha, aged 51 years.

## The China Mail.

MIRTH, JUSTICE, PUNISHMENT.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17, 1919.

## ADVERSARIA.

The officers and  
COOK AND engineers of the  
BOSTON'S MATE "as. Dewawongse,"  
have been paid off.  
The ship is now in charge of a police-  
man, who is acting master and chief  
engineer. We trust that no typhoon  
will come to complicate his job while  
he is learning to box the compass,  
wind up the dog-watch, fake a dead  
reckoning, and splice the mainbrace  
when the moon is over the poop  
deck.Apropos, "Roderick  
OUR BIRD, Random" in this  
WE THINK morning's Daily Press  
touches on germane  
matters. Incidentally he remarks  
quite waggishly, "I do not blame the  
Governor's A.D.C. He has proved  
himself to be an energetic and busi-  
ness-like young man. He will bring  
us—using the word in its generic  
sense, of course—the news when  
there is any, and will tell us how best  
it may be put into type in order to  
catch the public eye, so anxious is heto create a good impression. But,  
unfortunately, he is given no news  
to bring." We protest. Capt. Mc-  
Grath is our bird. We fired first,  
and we are positive we saw feathers  
fly.We like you may  
DAMNABLE have noticed it) to  
call a spade a spade.  
We prefer, usually, to express impor-  
tant things so that he who runs  
may read—because men here are too  
much on the run. Consequently we  
are not "boasting" when we take up  
another matter that "Roderick  
Random" has this morning. As it  
happens, we have been nosing round  
after the same story, trying to get  
something stronger than gossip to go  
upon. It is obviously not a case in  
which anybody in the know will talk  
freely. The allegation is that an  
official's wife took up the "slavery"  
question. (You may recall that we  
were against her on that, and, ap-  
parently, on the side of the Govern-  
ment.) But those who agreed with her  
were given all the space they wanted  
in the *China Mail*, and the lady her-  
self could have had as much as she  
needed if she had favoured us with  
her arguments. We don't believe in  
suppressing opinions just because we  
don't happen to share them. The  
allegation is that the lady's husband, a  
Government servant, was approached  
by some Authority—"civil, naval, or  
military"—and told, that his wife  
must not do these things. If the  
"Authority" concerned will come  
out into the open, and own up, we  
will guarantee to get it, inside three  
months; an instruction from  
Home that it mustn't. Women  
are now free citizens, even when  
their husbands happen to draw Gov-  
ernment pay. This interference was  
a damnable impertinence, that would  
shock the British public at Home.  
We know that "such abominable  
misuses of power" do occur, and we  
are out to stop them.It makes us sick to  
HUSH! think that there  
should be such a lot  
of human worms about. Hush! they  
say. The Government will not like  
that. Hush! That has not been done  
before; they will not stand it.  
Pish-pash! Do they never remember  
that the Government consists of men,  
that we are men, and that above us  
all there is a Court of Appeal? Above  
that, is there not God? Quit ye like  
men. Be strong.The shipping strike has  
SHIPPING come. The inconven-  
STRIKE ence to the public is  
not going to be so  
great as we at first thought, but it  
will be felt. Let the public remember  
this, that arbitration was refused by  
the owners, and that arbitration  
would have involved a disclosure of  
accounts and profits. The conclusion  
to be drawn does not need rubbing in.  
A blind man on a dark night in  
a dark cellar could see it.What does our kindergar-  
QUEER. ten contemporary mean  
on Dec. 15 when it  
says that "single men with families  
can live comfortably on the present  
salaries"? Surely that all depends  
on the size of the families single  
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met with a serious motor accident at  
Home recently. It appears the car  
collided with a parapet and was  
smashed to atoms, the chauffeur being  
seriously injured. Nobody else  
was in the car at the time.Three clerks in a big  
FOND OF local firm seem to have  
CALENDARS a liking for calendars.They got out their  
firm's chit book and sent out a  
couple with circular appeals to  
various "local" firms asking for one  
or two calendars each. By the time  
the coolie had reached our inform-  
ant's firm, the poor coolie was so  
laden with calendars that it seemed  
cruel to add to his burden. He had  
even then several further calls to  
make.Arguing about poetry  
POETRY. at dinner last night, with  
a man who holds wrong  
views of it, we omitted to quote  
Merle to him. George M. asks:Does it sound to the mind  
through the ear,  
Right sober, pure sane? has it  
disciplined feel?Thou will find it a test severe;  
Unering whatever the theme,  
Rings it for Reason a melody  
clear,We have bidden old Chaos  
retreat.

ANOTHER LAUNCH.

The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock  
Co., Ltd. launched yesterday from  
their Kowloon Docks the Steel Single  
Screw Steamer "War Sceptre" of  
the "B" class two deck standard  
type, built to the order of the  
Shipping Controller, London. The "War  
Sceptre" is the fourth vessel of the  
class to be launched by the Dock Co.Her Sister Ships "War Sniper,"  
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the latter being 8,245 tons and the  
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article: "Our protest  
against secrecy is  
wholly a protest on behalf of the  
public. Apart from our sense of  
obligation to the public, we care not  
two cents whether there is bigger  
mugger or not. If Press Bureaux  
would add a cubit to the size of  
our circulation or the value of our  
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not stop coughing and colds  
speedily and effectually. For sale by  
all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 31  
2½d.Shanghai is discussing schemes  
for a war memorial.Shanghai Presbyterians are talk-  
ing of building a fine new church  
there.To-day's return of communicable  
disease shows only one case—cere-  
bral fever.The annual general meeting of  
the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will  
be held on December, 23.The Hongkong Police Victory  
Ball takes place to-night at the City  
Hall, dancing commencing at 9 p.m.An installation dinner in honour  
of Wor. Bro. Higby was held by  
Lodge Eastern Scotia at the Hong-  
kong Hotel last night. It being well  
attended.The offices and stations of the  
Chinese Maritime Customs for Kow-  
loon and district will be closed on  
December 23, 25 and 26 and on  
January 1 and 2.The Chinese who was charged  
with the larceny of 75 gross of cotton  
reels belonging to the Central Agency  
Ltd., was this morning sentenced to  
three month's hard labour.In connection with Pansy Day  
we are asked to state that pannies,  
tins and baskets may be obtained at  
the City Hall between noon and 1 p.m.  
and 2.30 and 4 p.m. to-morrow.We remind readers of the chil-  
dren's lantern lecture on "From  
London to Wei-hai-wei" to be given  
to-day Wednesday 17th at 9.30 p.m.  
by Mrs. F. C. Hall at the Helena May  
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## THE MURDERED WARDEES

(Continued from page 4)

The Indian interpreter of the Civil Hospital was then called and said he saw Harnam Singh on Monday and told witness that at about 4:30 a.m. he was on duty in the condemned cell when a Chinese came up and stabbed him with a dagger.

Dr. McKenney asked him through witness if he could identify the man. He said he could not. Replying to another question the patient said the Principal Warden Mr. Speed was near at the time. Asked how many Chinese there were, the patient said one.

Ayub Khan, guard No. 8, Victoria Jail, said at 3:30 on Monday morning he went on duty. His beat was ward F. 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. Franks said that was on the ground floor of the prison building.

Continuing, the witness said he was patrolling F. 1 when he saw two Chinese coming down the corridor towards the Chief Warden's Office. As they entered, the Chief Warden's Office—this was at about 4:15 a.m.—witness followed them. As witness came to the Chief Warden's Office another Chinese came up to him from behind. Then another man came up. Witness tackled one of them while the other went towards Harnam Singh who was on duty outside the condemned cell.

By His Worship: Witness was not armed, he had only a lamp.

Then the two who had entered the Chief Warden's Office came out and one attacked witness while the other rushed at Harnam Singh. Prisoner No. 24 cut witness across the left palm. Witness saw Warden Speed follow the Chinese out of the office. Witness pressed the Superintendent's bell and struck a blow at one of the prisoners with his lamp which broke. Then witness saw Warden Speed fall near the gate of the reserve guard room. Witness ran up to him. The prisoners went out by the gate where No. 3 party was.

Mr. Franks said that was the gate opposite the Chief Officer's Office leading to what was known as West Yard.

By His Worship: Witness first rang the superintendent's quarters and then one of the other two.

His Worship: Did you see Harnam Singh?

Yes, he was on duty outside the condemned cell and when the men attacked him he shouted. Witness tried to pick Warden Speed up but failed. Witness called his name but he made no reply. Then the superintendent came.

By His Worship: Before the attack witness saw Warden Speed at 4 minutes past four and he was then sitting at the desk in the office writing.

By Mr. Franks: When he saw Warden Speed come out of the office during the fight, he (Speed) was pushing two men out of the office. Witness gave the alarm during the fight.

By His Worship: All four prisoners had daggers. They were wearing black clothes. Prisoner No. 2 stabbed witness.

By the Jury: During the struggle one Indian Warden who was attracted by the shouting came from upstairs. He stood at ward F. 1 and blew his whistle. No one else came until after the fight was over. Then Jam Mohamed came from the reserve room. He might have been there during the fight but witness did not see him until after. Witness blew his whistle during the fight.

Mr. J. W. Franks continuing his evidence, said he had not himself unlocked the gate leading to the jail. After returning to the main building, he went to the Chief Warden's Office and found the place covered with blood and three chairs were pushed back as if there had been a struggle. He put a warden on duty and went outside to receive reports from the officers taking the roll. The roll of the buildings except the main one was correct. Then he received information that a rope had been found next to the iron guard on B window and leading from it to the wall. At this time the only people there were the jail staff. He went out to see the rope and then returned to the main building. Here it was reported to him that 4 prisoners were missing. They were all from ward F. 5, situated on the first floor. It was at this time that he sent for the Police. Three of the cells were empty and he found the lock of cell No. 63 was cut away. He had the cells re-locked. It was then reported that Serjeant Wills and other Police officers wanted to see him. He went to the main gate and took them round to inspect the place. As he left the ward to go down to meet the Police, the prisoner in cell No. 48 shouted after him saying something in Chinese. Witness had the cell unlocked. It contained three prisoners, Nos. 2728, 3150, 3650. They stated that one of the prisoners in the cell had gone. Witness had the cell door re-locked. Witness then gave the Police descriptions of the prisoners. When witness returned to the office, he had already learned that the missing prisoners were Nos. 791, 850, 24 and 1785. He produced their records. Then Warden McLeod came to him and produced a quantity of paint also an auger, a borer, a large corkscrew, 3 chisels, a screw driver, two pieces of wood, a small spanner, and 2 pieces of wire. These were all that were produced at that time. Witness went back to the 3

cells the same night and inspected them once more. He found in cell 63 a piece of stone, a Chinese pen, a piece of wood, a chisel blade, two sheets of white paper painted green, a number badge (791) belonging to the prisoner who had escaped from that cell. He also found on the floor a canvas jacket and a pair of canvas trousers, prison uniform worn by prisoner 791. He then went to cell 607. He found there the key to the cell, which was lying behind the cell bucket. It was not a key which would open any of the cells in ward F. 5. Here also he found two canvas trousers (prison uniform No. 24). Some prisoners are allowed a second suit of uniform in their cell and as prisoner No. 24 worked in the tin smith shop, he might have been allowed an extra suit. Witness also found a uniform flannel shirt. He then went to cell 62 and there found an extra towel, and two uniforms.

He did not inspect cell 48 but when he first looked into it, he saw a suit of uniform lying on the ground.

By His Worship: None of the instruments found was part of the prison stock of tools. He had examined his stock and found it correct. They are different in pattern to the prison tools.

On resuming after the tiffin interval Mr. Franks, continuing his evidence, said the page of the night duty book was signed by Warden Speed who had made entries up to ten minutes past two a.m. There were certain smudged entries of times on the side of the page. The routine was for the principal warden to enter the times in which he inspected the yards and patrols during the night. It was his duty to make frequent inspections but he was not bound down to any particular times. Warden Speed went on duty at 10:15 p.m. and was due at 6 a.m. During the intervening period he was the only European in the jail. The average number of visits of inspection during the night was about nine. It was possible that Warden Speed was entering up all the times of his inspections at once, at the time when he was attacked. The rope (produced) measured 19 feet long and the height of the prison wall where it was found was sixteen feet six inches. The grill to which the rope was attached was two feet four inches from the wall. The prison itself is four feet from the wall. The missing key was lost on April 24 last. It was a pass key to the jail and opened the principal beat gates of the jail. The Indian warden had the key attached to his key chain whilst on duty. The principal warden discovered the loss of the key when he counted them and reported the matter. The Indian warden did not report the loss. The pass key was not supposed to be taken out of the jail but there was nothing to prevent warden from doing it. The key was supposed to be handed to the man on duty in the Chief Warden's office when going off duty. At the date of the loss of the key all the four escaped prisoners were in the jail. The pass key would open the gate opposite the Principal Warden's office through which the prisoners would have to pass to get to their cells. A similar key was found on Warden Speed after his death. Since the loss of the key no change had been made in the locks of the jail. After the key was lost the whole of the prison was searched and also every prisoner, and every likely place that could be thought of. It was not found. Witness came to the conclusion that either the key had been thrown over the wall or the warden had lost it outside the jail. The warden who lost the key was, at the time, on day duty in the wash home.

The case is proceeding.

## VICTORIA THEATRE

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## VICTORIA THEATRE

## KINEMA NOTES.

## HONGKONG THEATRE.

## IMPROPER DEBT COLLECTING METHODS.

A Chinese of the coolie class was this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with demanding \$16 by menace from a boy employed by Sergeant Major Thorne of the Soldiers' Club.

The defendant denied that he demanded \$16, and said that at all he asked from the complainant was \$4 which was owing to him.

Inspector Kent said that the complainant who was employed by Sergeant Major Thorne of the Soldiers' Club, and had been with him for several years, left Murray Barracks on Sunday morning to go to the market when he was accosted by defendant who demanded that he joined his (defendant's) club. He told him that if he did not "hand him \$16 as entrance fee, he would be "cut." The complainant said he had no money on him at the time and promised to give him the \$16 on the following day. When the complainant returned home from the market, his master noticed that he was worrying about something and asked him what was the matter and that the complainant told his master all that had happened. Mr. Thorne gave him the \$16. The boy then went to No. 2 Police Station and laid certain information and was told to "carry a Police whistle, if the defendant again troubled him, to blow it and get him arrested." Nothing happened on Monday, but on Tuesday, the complainant was buying flowers at the foot of Wyndham Street when he was again accosted by the defendant, who was accompanied by another man. The defendant struck him on the chest and asked him for the money saying at the same time that he was aware that the complainant had informed the Police about him, and warned him that if he was arrested, his friends would make things unpleasant for the complainant. The complainant promised to meet the defendant outside the Dockyard. On his return home, he passed the Dockyard and again met the defendant and the other man. The defendant and the other man, he blew his Police whistle and the men ran away. The defendant was arrested by a constable and taken to the station.

His Worship sentenced him to one month's hard labour.

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## THE DIARY OF A HONGKONG LADY.

(Continued from yesterday.)

The town of Dixmude itself is naturally in ruins. There was a portion of the town on either side of the river, but by far the biggest portion was on the left bank. Here stand a few pieces of wall, all that remain of churches, town hall and houses; this had been the biggest place we had visited since we left Middlekerke. Some day, I suppose in the future it may be a large flourishing town again, but to the Belgians it must, as the little baker said, require "beaucoup de courage" to be able to look forward to that day, looking upon the woeiful scene of Dixmude as it is now.

From there we drove through the same desolate country, every now and then over patches of boarding, which had been put over shell holes in the road. In some places, the whole width of the road had been carried away by a mine, and there a new road had been made round either side of it.

The mine crater being railed off with a rough wooden rail. After going along the Dixmude-Ypres road for some miles we turned sharp to the left and found ourselves in the Forest of Houthulst, or what had once been a forest, as the trees had all gone except for stumps seven or eight feet high, the rest of the tree having been cut off by shells. This forest which had been a very important spot during the war, as it was on a slight ridge and commanded the country towards Ypres, was heavily shelled. Except for a clearing here and there the underwood was green and thick and well-nigh impossible to penetrate, as you must be able to see where to put your feet, or you would fall into the holes made by the shells. Here a halt was called and we prepared to have our lunch of sandwiches. There was no dearth of fallen trees to sit upon, alas! These, and the weird shaped stumps and the ground pitted with holes, were the only things left to indicate the terrible battle that had been waged here on this very spot.

Another thing of course one noticed, was the intense stillness. No birds sang, as there were none to sing, and thus there seemed an uncanny stillness, which spoke only too forcibly everywhere we went that we were in the land of the dead. In many parts they are still bringing in the dead daily, some of them have lain hidden in the long grass, and some in pits and holes.

After about half an hour's stop, we got into our lumbering vehicles again and went down the Ypres Road to Poelcappelle, the scene between the two places being much as I have already described. We passed on the way a camp of the Chinese Labour Corps, clearing up the debris. They say it takes 12 months to clear three square miles.

Our way led now over a stretch of road entirely composed of planks, placed there, partly because it had been so cut up with shells and partly because of the terrible condition of the road, the mud and slush preventing the motor traffic from getting along. This we saw amply illustrated at Poelcappelle, where we came across several tanks half buried in what had once been mud, but which was now dry and hard. There the poor things were lying, some of them well battered. They had been put out of action in October 1917, by the German guns. Leaving Poelcappelle behind, we went on to Ypres, once a beautiful old Flemish city, now, not a single house standing. Madame Chevallier (the Belgian general's daughter, who was with us) told me that she had considered that Ypres was far finer than Bruges, as the latter had nothing to come up to the magnificent old Cloth Hall.

We stopped in the large paved square in which the Cloth Hall stands, and it was truly a sad sight that met our gaze. Nothing but ruin everywhere. On our right the ruins of the fine old Cloth Hall, with the Cathedral at the back of it, at the end of which had been some very beautiful old Flemish houses. Now nothing remains of them, and upon that spot is now erected a very hideous wooden Church Army hut. There are still the remains of the tower and a portion of the walls of the Cloth Hall, and a few bits of the beautiful tracery remain to indicate a little the beauty of the workmanship destroyed. We had to climb over a mountain of rubble and blocks of stone to be able to get a good view of the beautiful old archway of the Cathedral, a good deal of which still remains intact and is very fine; but it was impossible to enter either of the buildings as the Cloth Hall was guarded. It was not deemed safe for people to go in, for fear some of the masonry should fall, much of it being in a very unsafe condition still. There was apparently no guard over the Cathedral ruins and as most of the walls had come down there was nothing of any great height remaining; but it was difficult to get inside what was left of it because of the mass of stone work piled up high. Many of the streets were entirely obliterated. There was no telling where one began and another ended, and one just walked over heaps of debris, once houses, and not a single portion of wall remaining. We could often see by what lay beneath our feet, the various shops that had once stood there. At one place we came upon a heap of sewing machines and bicycles; at another, a mass of

broken crockery, all telling their sad tale. Madame Chevallier told me that she had tried to find the house of a friend, which she had known quite well. There was no street and no house remaining. She recognised a portion of the banisters of the staircase, lying among the debris where the house had been, and that was all that she found of it. It was the house of a lawyer, a man over sixty, and he is now going to start life afresh in the Belgian Congo. To anyone who knew and loved the place it must be heartrending to see it in this ruined condition. They are, I believe, invading their land, if they imagined that anything placed in the Church, the Germans would regard as sacred. They took the Curé prisoner and the Burgomaster they had threatened to shoot if he didn't leave the town. For the nine days they were there in possession, he lived out in the fields and every night used to slink back into the town to see how his people were scattered all over the fighting area, laying them in cemeteries prepared for them. As we drove through the country we noticed solitary graves all the way, where the poor men had been buried where they had fallen, with just little wooden crosses to mark the spot.

We spent rather more than an hour at Ypres wandering about among the ruins, and left again in our jolty conveyance for Poperinghe, or "Pop" as it is commonly known in the British Army. The country between the Ypres and Ypres is a little less devastated, owing to the Huns having been kept to the further side of Ypres all the time. There were live trees, which we hadn't seen since we left Ostende, and the ground was under cultivation. The few farms we passed en route were intact, except for an occasional wall shattered by a shell. Many of the houses had shot and shell marks all over them, but after what we had passed through, this seemed but slight in comparison. Poperinghe, I suppose, is a typical small Flemish town, with narrow streets paved with cobble stones. We rattled noisily through the little town to "Hotel Skindles," which before the war was a quiet little Belgian inn kept by, I think, two sisters, who seemed exceedingly charming and capable young women. Since the war it has become the officers' club, and in the evening it is thronged with British and Belgian officers, who after their day's work is over, come in here from Ypres and the camps round for some recreation. British-like they insisted upon the Belgian name being changed for an English one. With a name like "Skindles" it would sound more attractive, so "Skindles" it became, and I expect will remain for many years to come! It is a very fine old house, right on the street, and before the present people had it, belonged to Lieut. Monotor's grandfather. He took me and Madame Chevallier into the beautiful old kitchen, with all its bright Flemish brass pots, of quaint design, upon a window sill which ran the whole length of one side of the room, the window being high enough to be out of the way of all furniture, and to prevent the maids from looking out, and so waste their time! We were all doled out a card with the number of our bedroom, according to whether we wanted a double or single one. Some of the men had to go into the town, as there was no room for us all, and we were in all directions. I was in the stable yard, up an exceedingly narrow and steep staircase, in the tiniest of rooms looking down into a dark pond, just as it was, clean, which, after all, was all that mattered. The bed was remarkably comfortable. As we were covered with a thick coating of dust from head to foot, everything had to be shaken out of the window and I rather feared I should drop some precious garment into the pond below. It was almost worth while getting into such a state of grimy to feel clean again. The girls were very well off in a nice big room in the hotel itself. The dinner was a little late, as the fish hadn't yet come in, but it was delicious when we did get it, as was the whole dinner, to which we all, I think, did ample justice, as we were very hungry after our long day. Dinner over, the tables were cleared and removed from the two rooms, which were divided by large folding doors, and dancing commenced, with Madame Chevallier at the piano, till an officer turned up who could play dance music. Miss Maundier told me that the officers looked forward to these fortnightly little dances, which they usually have, if there are any young ones in the party passing through. My two charges enjoyed themselves immensely, but as we had all had a long and tiring day, we did not keep it beyond 11.30.

Sunday.—Up at 6 o'clock next morning and breakfasted on coffee and nice flat round scones and at 7.30 we were once more on the road. The first place we came to was Westouwe, a small town south of Poperinghe, which had been terribly knocked about by the Germans in the March offensive of 1918, especially the Church. A good deal of the walls are still standing, but most of the roof and the interior of the Church have been destroyed. In October 1914 the Germans occupied the place for nine days. Before they entered the Burgomaster and Curé told the people to bring their clothes and valuables into the Church where they would be safe. So packed in large wooden boxes they brought their possessions and a guard was placed over them. However, on the entry of the Germans the guard was overpowered,

the boxes broken open, the Huns making off with anything of value and the clothes were strewn all over the Church, where they still remain, as the Church is left in exactly the same condition as it was after the Germans went in, 1914. A pitiful sight it is, and difficult to describe the state of chaos existing there, stone, bricks, broken up chairs, clothing, all thick upon the ground so that it was impossible to see any trace of the original flooring. Those two simple souls, the Burgomaster and Curé, little knew the people who were, invading their land, if they imagined that anything placed in the Church, the Germans would regard as sacred. They took the Curé prisoner and the Burgomaster they had threatened to shoot if he didn't leave the town. For the nine days they were there in possession, he lived out in the fields and every night used to slink back into the town to see how his people were scattered all over the fighting area, laying them in cemeteries prepared for them. As we drove through the country we noticed solitary graves all the way, where the poor men had been buried where they had fallen, with just little wooden crosses to mark the spot.

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## SPORTS.

## TENNIS.

88TH CO. R.G.A. BEAT  
• KOWLOON.

The 88th Company, R.G.A., gained a comfortable victory over Kowloon in the Hard Courts Tennis League, during the week end. The scores were as follows:—

Major C. L. Hickling, D.S.O., and Capt. C. O. Oliver beat Messrs. Ralston and Stevens 3—2; beat

Messrs. Henderson and Frost 3—2; beat Messrs. Kay and Stark 9—2.

Captain F. H. Davies, M.C., and C.S.M. Pragnell lost to Ralston and Stevens 3—2; lost to Kay and Stark 5—6; beat Henderson and Frost 6—5.

C.Q.M.S. Tallouard and Sergeant Major Davis lost to Ralston and Stevens 3—8; beat Kay and Stark 9—2.

Total 88th C. R.G.A. 60 games.

• CRICKET.

• 2nd XI v. 1st XI.

It has, for many years past, been

the custom for the Hongkong Cricket Club to meet the United Services on

Christmas Day and Boxing Day, a

return match being played on New

Year's Day and the following day,

This year, however, by a happy

chance, Dec. 27 has been made a

Bank Holiday, and the following five

days' cricket has been arranged in

cluding a Triangular Tournament be-

tween the Hongkong Cricket Club,

Garrison, and Navy on the Hongkong

Cricket Club ground. Three two-day

matches will be played —

Dec. 26 and 27.—H.K.C.C. v.

Garrison v. Navy.

Dec. 26.—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v.

C.R.C.C. (Away).

Jan. 3.—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v.

University (Home).

Jan. 1 and 2.—Navy v. H.K.C.C.

On form the Garrison should carry

off premier honours. The Club bat-

tting will be strengthened by the inclu-

sion of R. Hancock, A. A. Claxton,

and A. E. Wood, but the Club bowl-

ing seems hardly equal to the strain

of two-day matches. The Garrison

is stronger in bowling than batting,

while the Navy, with its many ar-

ivals, is an unknown quantity.

Given fine weather, however, some

keen and interesting cricket should

take place. It is hoped to wind up

the festival with a smoking concert

on January 3.

The following are the Club teams:

1st XI v. Garrison.—R. Hancock

(Capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton,

A. E. Wood, R. Brand, A. B.

Raworth, E. W. Day, E. J. R. Mit-

Donnelly and R. P. Thursfield.

1st XI v. Navy.—R. Hancock

(Capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton,

A. E. Wood, R. Brand, A. B.

Raworth, E. W. Day, E. J. R. Mit-

Donnelly and A. Burnie.

2nd XI v. C.R.C.—F. Sutton

(Capt.), R. A. Green, T. J. J. Fen-

wick, P. G. de Paravicini, A. Burnie,

C. C. Stark, L. D. McNicoll, E. P.

Lammert, L. M. Whyte, J. D. Hum-

phreys, A. K. MacKenzie and W. W.

MacKenzie.

2nd XI v. University.—R. P.

Thursfield (Capt.), F. Sutton, R. A.

Green, T. J. J. Fenwick, P. G. de

Paravicini, C. C. Stark, L. D.

McNicoll, E. P. Lammert, L. M.

Whyte, J. D. Humphreys, A. K. X.

MacKenzie and W. W. MacKenzie.

All matches will start at 10 a.m.

sharp.

He was on a line with Lieut. Monotor, who told him to put it down at once, whereat he was going to fire it from him but Lieut. Monotor managed, fortunately for us, to shout to him in time, "put it down gently" or many of us would have been blown to bits. He said to me afterwards that he dread taking these parties over this dangerous ground, as although they are all told beforehand not to pick up explosives, there are generally some idiots among the party who don't realise the seriousness of disobeying these orders. When we got back to the village, we went into one of the wooden houses and had some very good and refreshing coffee, as we had got hot and dusty with our walk, but we hadn't time to think of my discomforts during the journey, as our minds were taken up with the intense interest of everything. Under ordinary circumstances, one might have felt the jolting of those springless lorries.

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## MUSICAL NOTES.

[By Counterpoint]

I received a letter, last Saturday morning, from Podolsky. He tells me that he is going to Sumatra to play for Miss Mirova, a well-known Russian classic dancer who has been creating quite a sensation in the F.M.S., and other parts of the East. He also informs me that the Russian Opera Company, which scored such signal success in Shanghai, has been adding to its laurels in Tokio. The Company intends to visit Hongkong in the near future.

By a coincidence, on the same morning I received a call from M. Bogumi Sykora, who was passing through the Colony on the way to Manila. Sykora informed me that his season in Sumatra was phenomenally successful. He played at 48 different places and 50 different selections from 56 composers.

When it is borne in mind that all these pieces have to be worked up and played from memory some idea of the work entailed may be gained. Here is a list of some of the composers included in Sykora's repertoire:

Ariosti, Bach J. S., Bach, Ch. Ph. E. Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart, Gluck, Handel, Eccles, Boccherini, Lotti, Campagnoli, Tartini, Valentini, Prume, Tschaikowski, Moussorgski, Glazounoff, Ippolitoff, Ivanoff, Gretschonoff, Rachmaninoff, Cui, Glarey, Arensky, Davidoff, Muert, Tschernoff, Chodarowski, Fitzhagen, Rubinstein, Piatti, Saint Saens, Volkmann, Beclmann, Kriegel, Faure, Brahms, Fibich, Dvorak, Schumann, Mann, Abas, Satz, Roever, Popper, Sykora, Jera, Grieg, Bruch, Casella and Chopin.

I learn that Piastra (cello) and Mircovich (piano) have parted company, as have Sykora and Podolsky. All however, have been playing to big houses in various parts of the East.

I cannot understand why some people who write criticisms in the local press of vocalists who perform here from time to time, do not take the trouble to find out the correct range of the particular singer dealt with (they apparently are not able to tell by hearing). One paper, the other day, called Mrs. A. O. Brown, who sang at the "social" at St. Andrew's Church Hall, a couple of weeks ago, a soprano. Her voice is mezzo soprano.

A New York paper states that German opera cannot be rendered in New York City prior to the ratification of the peace treaty. That was the decision of Mr. Justice Giegerich.

The paragraph again brings up the much discussed question as to whether German music should be banned in Allied countries. Isn't it rather carrying patriotism to a ridiculous extreme? All the wars in the world won't alter the fact that Germany, as a musical nation, is pre-eminent, not so much because that country produces more natural talent than any other, but because such talent as exists is eagerly fostered and State aided where necessary.

A biographical sketch of Madame Patti, in a Bangkok contemporary, credits the *prima donna* with being addicted to the mandoline. Why not go the whole hog and include the ukulele, the Jew's harp, the ocarina and the drum?

Sir Edward Cooper, the New Lord Mayor of London, is a front rank amateur vocalist and has taken parts in many historic services including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee service and the Coronation service of King George.

His wife Lady Cooper, is also a fine organist and pianist.

We are genuinely grateful for the services of the Bands of the H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the Wiltshires at our various functions but some of us would be still more grateful if we could hear these fine musicians without having to take in boxing matches etc., as part of the programme.

S.O.S.—"Still no word about a town band."

### WOMEN GRADUATES AT OXFORD?

#### COUNSEL'S OPINION THAT THERE ARE NO OBSTACLES.

Oxford University has taken the opinion of counsel (Mr. G. J. Murray, K.C., and Sir John Simon) as to the proposed admission of women to the membership of the university and of degrees.

Asked whether the University had power, by means of statute, to provide for the matriculation of women as members of the university and for admission of degrees, counsel answered in the affirmative, but suggested for the consideration of the university whether it would not be better to obtain express Parliamentary sanction for what they proposed.

It might be worth while considering, they added, whether the university should act conjointly with the University of Cambridge in the matter.

## MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

DECEMBER 15th, 1919.

## Butcher Meat.

	Ch.
Beef Sirloin.—Mei Lung Pa ... lb.	15
" Prime Cut ...	20
" Corned.—Ham Ngau Yuk ...	20
" Roast.—Shin ...	20
" Breast.—Ngau Nam ...	15
" Sop.—Tong Yuk ...	15
" Steak.—Ngau Yuk Pa ...	20
" Steak Sirloin.—Ngau Lan ...	20
" Sausages.—Ngau Cheung ...	20
Bullock's Brains.—Ngau No per set 10	10
" Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each 60	60
" Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Li each 60	60
" Head.—Ngau Tsin ... each 100	100
" Heart.—Ngau Sam ... lb.	15
" Hump, Salt.—Ngau Kin ...	20
" Foot.—Ngau Kook ... each 10	10
" Kidneys.—Ngau Yin ...	15
" Tail.—Ngau Mel ...	10
" Liver.—Ngau Kwa ... lb.	15
" Tripe (undressed).—Ngau To lb. 60	60
Calf's Head and Feet.—Ngau-tai-kan-ken ... set	10
Mutton Chop.—Young Pei Kwai lb. 30	30
" Leg.—Young Pei ...	25
" Shoulder.—Young Shan ...	25
" Saddle.—Young On Yuk ...	15
Pig's Chitlings.—Chu Chong ...	25
" Brains.—Chu No ... per set 2	2
" Feet.—Chu Kook ...	15
" Fry.—Chu Chap ...	15
" Head.—Chu Tso ...	15
" Heart.—Chu Sam ...	15
" Kidneys.—Chu Yin ...	15
" Liver.—Chu Koo ...	15
" Suckling Pig, to order.—Ou Tsai ...	24
" Suet, Beef.—Shang Ngau Yen ...	20
" Mutton.—Shang Yeung Yau ...	30
" Veal.—Ngau Tsai Yuk ...	20
" Sausages.—Ngau Tsai Cheung ... No. 1 lb. 20	20

## Poultry.

	Ch.
Chicken.—Lai Tsai ...	15
" Capons, Small.—Shin Kai ...	30
" Capons, Large.—Shin Kai ...	35
" Duck.—Ap ...	24
" Doves.—Pan Kai ...	15
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tan (peking) per dozen 22	22
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tan (fresh) per dozen 26	26
Fowl, Canton.—Kai ...	38
Fowl, Canton.—Hoi Nam Kai ...	30
Geese.—Ngai ...	28
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap ... each 30	30
" Holbow.—Hoi Hau Pak Kap	
"	each 20
Turkey, Cook.—Po Kai Kung lb. 85	85
Turkey, Hen.—Po Kai Na ...	70
Snipe.—Sha Tsui ...	each 24
Pheasant.—Shan Kai ...	110
Quail.—On Chun ...	14
Parridges.—Oe Ku ...	60

## Fruits.

	Ch.
Almonds.—Hang Yan ...	lb. 45
Apples, (California).—Kam Shan	
"	Ping Ko ... 35
Bananas, (birds').—Macao.—San	
"	Hoeng Chiu ... 4
Carambola.—Young To ...	
Cocoanuts.—Ye Tse ...	each 10
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung ... lb. 6	6
Lemons, (America).—Kam Shan	
"	Ling Mung ... each 7
Lichees, Dried, (small stone).—	
"	Lai Chi Kon lb. 1.20
Oranges, (Canton).—Sweet	
"	Shan-shan Tse Chang lb. 6
Oranges, Tim Chang ...	13
Pears, (Canton).—Cooking.—Sha Li ...	12
Pearls.—Fa Shang ...	13
Plum.—Fa Shang ...	12
Persimmons, Large.—Hung Tsai ...	
Plantain.—Tai Chiu ...	3
Pomelo, Sweet.—Tim Lo Ya ...	each 20
Walnuts.—Hoi To ...	lb. 16
Grapes.—Po Tai Tsai ...	36

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

	Ch.
Ardichokes.—Ah Chi Cheuk ...	each 8
Beans, Sprout.—Nga Tso ...	lb. 6
" Long.—Sun Kok ...	12
Beet Root.—Hung Tsai Tsu ...	2 each
Bitter Squash.—Fa Kwa ...	5
Brinjals, Green.—Ching Lai Kwa ...	6
" Red.—Hang Kwa ...	6
Cabbage, Chinese (common).—	
"	Kai Tsui ... 12
" (Shanghai).—Ye Tsui ... 12	
Cane Shoots, bunch.—Kai Shan ... 10	
Carflower (Large).—Ye Tsui Fa each 20	
" (Medium). ...	15
" (Small). ...	12
Carrots.—Kam Shan ...	lb. 5
Celery Chinese.—Tong Kan Tsui ... 10	
Chillies, Dried.—Kon Lat Chiu ... 30	
" Green.—Ching Lai Chiu ...	15
" Yellow.—Wong Sin ...	lb. 10
Frogs.—Tin Kai ...	52
Garlic.—Sun Tse ...	40
Gidgeon.—Pak Kap Ya ...	16
Herrings.—Tse Pak ...	22
Hilburt.—Cheung Kwan Kap ...	20
Leeks.—Wong Fu Yu ...	20
Lobsters.—Leung Ha ...	36
Mackerel.—Chi Yu ...	20
Monk Fish.—Mong Ya ...	32
Mullet.—Tai Yu ...	20
Oysters.—Shang Ho ...	22
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kung Ya ...	16
Pearl.—Tau Lo ...	24
Pike.—Fa Pau Fong ...	22
Piace.—Fa Yu ...	22
Pork.—Black.—Kai Chong ...	31
Pork.—White.—Kai Chong ...	31
Pomfret.—Ming Yu ...	42
Pork Fish.—Kai Sui ...	37
Pork Fish.—Shak Kau Kung ...	22
Ray.—Pal Pa ...	24
Rock Fish.—Chun Yu ...	22
Salmon.—Ma Yu ...	37
Shark.—Sha Yu ...	12
Sharks.—Po Yu ...	26
Shrimps.—Ha ...	26
Snapper.—Lap Yu ...	32
Sole.—Tak Sha Yu ...	28
Teach.—Wan Yu ...	22
Turbot.—Hau Yu ...	26
Turles, small, fresh water.—	
"	Konk Yu ... 70

## Fish.

	Ch.
Barbel.—Ka Yu ...	lb. 16</

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## DOGS OF WAR.

## A VALIANT RETRIEVER.

Lieut-Col. E. H. Richardson, R.E., writing in the *Daily Telegraph* on the work of dogs in the war says: "Directly under my personal care were Buller (Airedale), Trick (collie), and Nell (setter bitch). At the outset Buller was somewhat inconsistent, but in a very short time he blossomed out into a very fine working dog and did some very fine running. He carried messages, such as requisitions for ammunition, material, food, and the most common, but not the least important—the situation reports."

When the Australian troops were making repeated attacks on the fronts between Villers-Bretonneux about April and May the service of Trick was repeatedly and specially in demand, and on various occasions on that front he brought back the first messages on the progress of the attacks, and also requests for further materials necessary for the successful carrying out of operations. On one occasion special mention was made in divisional orders of the good work done by Trick and another dog, called Willard, on the front of the left of Corbie. On that occasion Trick and Willard brought back the first message of an important and successful operation by the Australian troops. By his good work Trick was always sought out by any signalling officer when any message of importance and urgency was to be sent, and never one did he prove unworthy.

A black retriever dog called Dick had a wonderful record, worthy of the V.C. While carrying a message in the Villers-Bretonneux sector he was wounded very severely in the back and shoulder. The dog completed his run in good spirit, and was ultimately sent to the section kennel for treatment from the veterinary officer. As no foreign bodies could be located in the wounds they were stitched up, and he was soon healed up and at work again. He did his runs in the line as well as before and seemed all right when moved to the 8th Corps. A day or two after moving, the dog was seen to be suffering, and the attention of the vet, was called to his state. After a few days' observation, the veterinary officer concluded there was some foreign body in the wound, and so, as poor Dick was on the point of death, he was ordered to be destroyed.

At the post-mortem examination it was discovered that a rifle bullet was resting between the shoulder and body, while near the small of the back a piece of shrapnel was found lodged close to the spine. Through all his sufferings the dog carried out his duties cheerfully and most faithfully until he was overtaken by death.

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Sterling Exchange	5/8. T. 11
Hongkong Bank	830 h.
Marine Insurance	
Canton Ins.	400 L.
North China Ins.	735 s.
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China Fire Ins.	183 s.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	120 s.
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Douglas	90 L.
H.K. Steamboats	925 L.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.)	820 L.
Do. (Def.)	235 L.
Shell Transport	810 L.
Star Ferries	83 L.
REFINERY	
China Sugar	130 L.
Malabar Sugar	84 L.
Mines	
Kallan Mining Adm.	80 L.
Langkawi	14 L.
Shanghai Loans	83 L.
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Ranbu	83 L.
Tinoh Mines	496 L.
Ural Carparks	46 L.
Docks, Wharfs, Godowns, etc.	
H.K. Wharfs	105 L.
H. & W. Docks	175 L.
Shal Docks	120 L.
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Central Estates	100 L.
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Hongkong Lands	815 L.
Humpoong Lands	881 L.
Kowloon Lands	846 L.
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West Points	830 b. 900 s.
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	860 L.
Kung Yiks	186 L.
East Kung Mows	800 L.
Orientals	830 L.
Shanghai Cottons	820 L.
Yangtzeopco	811 L.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Cements	84.80 L.
China Borneos	815 L.
China Lights Old	87.80 & New 80.60 L.
China-Providents	88 L.
Bank, Wires	5/2
Do. demand	5/2
Do. 30 days sight	5/2
Do. 4 months sight	5/2
Credits, 4 months sight	5/2
Do. documentary, 4 months sight	5/2
On Paris	
On Paris, demand	5/2
Credits, 4 months sight	1186
On New York	
On demand	864
Credits, 30 days sight	864
On London	
On demand	864
Credits, 30 days sight	864
On Bombay	
Wires	220
On demand	220
On Calcutta	
Wires	220
On demand	220
On Singapore	220
On demand	203
On Manila	
On demand	203
On Shanghai	
On demand	203
30 days sight (private paper), nom.	
On Calcutta	
On demand	197
Gold East, 100 fine (per tael)	31.20
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8.350 L.
Silver (per oz.)	794
Hongkong 50 cents sub.	12 L.
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Chinese coins	4 1/2 p.m.
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Chinese Copper Cents	5 1/2 p.m.
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## WEATHER REPORT.

December 17th, 1919, 4pm.—No returns from Vladivostok or Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly along the east coast of China, and increased slightly over Formosa and the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China sea.

Hongkong. Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 74.14 inches, against an average of 82.58 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 18th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,  
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER  
REPORT.

DECEMBER 17, 1919.—A.M.

Station	Hour	Baird's Barometer	Sea Level Barometer	Temperature	Wind Direction	Wind Force
Vladivostok	8.4	—	—	—	—	—
Samoa	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Halibut	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Keelung	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Osaka	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Takao	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Islands	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Wakayama	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
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Changsha	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
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